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Appl No. : 09/973,303  
Applicant : Nobuo Ogasawara  
Filed : October 9, 2001  
Title : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING EXPIRATION-DATED  
PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT

TC/A.U. : 3627  
Examiner : Andrew J. Fischer

Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179  
Customer No. : 23363

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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July 23, 2004

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of April 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

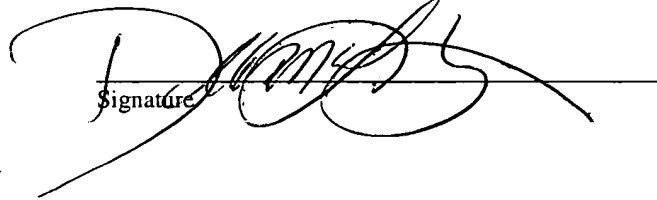
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED   |   |                               |                           |                      |                      |     |
|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
|   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Paid For | Number<br>Extra<br>Claims | Small Entity<br>Rate | Large Entity<br>Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims Fee  | 15  | *33                           | 0                         | x \$9.00             | 0 x \$18.00          | 0   |
| Independent Claims  | 2   | ** 3                          | 0                         | - x \$43.00          | 0 x \$86.00          | 0   |
| Multiple Dependent<br>Claims ***  |   |                               |                           | \$145.00             | \$290.00             | 0   |
| TOTAL FILING FEE  |   |                               |                           |                      |                      | 0   |
| NO ADDITIONAL<br>FEE REQUIRED ****  | IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"            |                               |                           |                      |                      | 0   |
| LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 35  |   |                               |                           |                      |                      |     |
| * IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3<br>** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3<br>*** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME<br>**** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS" |   |                               |                           |                      |                      |     |

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Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.  
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A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.

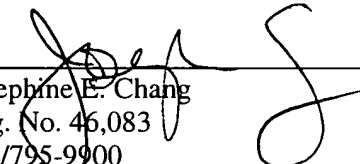
**Amendment Transmittal Letter**  
**Application No. 09/973,303**

\_\_\_\_\_ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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